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the bill is still in the hands of the House Committee on Interstate Commerce. If not passed at this session, it will probably be considered and urged at future sessions.

> CHARLES H. Brown, Chairman Bookbuying Committee.

## IMPORTATION OF BOOKS—PRESENT LAW THREATENED

The Publishers' Weekly for March 4, at page 732, states that Mr. Driscoll has introduced a bill in Congress (H. R. 10231) providing that the importation of books for public libraries be made only "with the consent of the proprietor of the American copyright or his representative." This provision was proposed at the time of the passage of the present copyright law and was not included therein, because the librarians of the country were able to show its unwisdom to the Joint Committee on Printing of Congress.

As Chairman of the Committee on Federal and State Relations of the American Library Association, I have protested against any favorable action upon this provision, which would greatly hamper the work of the public library, an essential part of the system of public education. In case any hearings are given upon the bill, we shall endeavor to be heard in opposition to this provision.

BERNARD C. STEINER.

# COMMITTEE ON WORK WITH THE BLIND

The chairman of the Committee has received notices from two libraries announcing recently established collections of books for the blind.

Further announcements of new departments for the blind should be sent this committee for incorporation in the annual report.

Address: Mrs. Gertrude T. Rider, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

### SALE, EXCHANGE, WANTS

(Any library member of the Association may insert, without cost, a ten-line notice of books or periodicals wanted, for sale or exchange.)

#### WANTS

California University Library, Berkeley, Cal.

Glanville, R. de. Tractatus de legibus regni Angliae. 1780.

Canton (Mass.) Public Library.

Macaulay's History of England, published in five volumes. Vol. 3.

Illinois University Library, Urbana, III.

Columbia University Teachers College Technical education bulletins, nos. 7, 12, 18. Oakland (Cal.) Free Library.

A. L. A. Bookist, vol. 8, no. 2 (Oct. 1911) and vol. 9, no. 3 (Nov. 1912).

Chautauquan, vol. 72, no. 37 (May 16, 1914).

Craftsman, vol. 2-1902.

International Studio, vols. 7, 16 and 24. Quarterly Journal Economics, vol. 5.

National Geographic Magazine, vol. 1 to and including vols. 11, 14 and 15.

Political Science Quarterly, vols. 1 and 17.

Oregon University Library, Eugene, Ore.

Wisconsin Library Bulletin, vol. 9, no. 1. St. Paul (Minn.) Public Library.

A. L. A. Booklist, vol. 8, nos. 6 and 8; vol. 10, nos. 2 and 3.

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The Catalogue of the Library of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, in 13 vols., bound in cloth. Price \$20. Apply to John Parker, Librarian.

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Public Library of District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.

American Highway Association publications, including American Road Congress, 1911, 1913, 1914.

Good roads yearbook, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915.

As long as they last any volume will be sent express collect; or on receipt of postage sufficient to cover 2-pound package for each volume.

Trade List Annual for 1910 and 1914.

To any library which is willing to pay the transportation charges.